

projects. The Girl Scouts continue to offer enriching experiences through field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardship.

The growth and achievements of the Girl Scouts would not be possible, without the dedication and guidance of more than 942,000 professionals, 99 percent of those being volunteers. Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me today in celebrating 90 wonderful years of Girls Scouts USA.

GIRL SCOUTS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, It is an honor to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. From March 10 through March 16, 2002, this organization of approximately 3.7 million members celebrated their long and distinguished history.

Since the first Girl Scout meeting, on March 12, 1912, the Girl Scouts have successfully embarked upon their mission to help all girls grow physically, mentally and spiritually. This mission has been accomplished by empowering girls to develop their full potential, by relating positively to others, by teaching values that provide a foundation for sound decision-making, and by contributing to society. The Girl Scouts are remarkable in their ability to address contemporary issues affecting girls, while at the same time maintaining the core set of values that were adopted nearly a century ago.

There are approximately 50,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Kansas. They volunteer their time and energy to make their communities, the State of Kansas, and their Nation a better place. Through the Girl Scouts Program, these girls develop skills and values that will serve them well throughout their lives.

We also must not overlook the thousands of adult leaders and parents who volunteer their time to the Girl Scouts. It is the efforts and supervision of these adult leaders that ensure the success of these programs. These leaders provide an important influence upon the lives of young girls—an influence much greater than I will ever possess as their Congressman. I would like to personally recognize: J. Lynn Smith, Executive Director, Flint Hills Council, Emporia; Linda Mills, Executive Director, Sunflower Council, Hays; Susan Kendall, Executive Director, Wheatbelt Council, Hutchinson; Martha Fee, Legislative Volunteer, Wheatbelt Council, Hutchinson; Diane Oakes, Executive Director, Kaw Valley Council, Topeka; Cindy Frank, Executive Director, Golden Plains Council, Wichita; and Cynthia Stein, Board of Directors President, Golden Plains Council, Wichita; Girl Scout leaders who have donated countless hours of service to the Girl Scouts. Thank you for your dedication to improve the lives of the young girls.

Once again, congratulations on the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. May you have many more years of success in mentoring our Nation's young women.

RECOGNIZING CLEAR FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in recognition of Clear Fork Baptist church, located in Albany, Kentucky. Clear fork celebrated its 200th anniversary April 7th, 2002.

When our great nation was only 26 years old, Clear Fork Baptist church was founded on the banks of the Clear Fork Creek in what is now Clinton County. The founder, Pastor Isaac Denton, migrated to Kentucky from North Carolina in 1798 and, according to his calling, began to conduct a series of meetings in 1801, converting many settlers to Christianity. In April of 1802, Clear Fork Baptist Church was established with 13 charter members. The Church thrived under Pastor Denton's leadership for 46 years until his death in 1848. He was buried beside the Church, where his tombstone has since been restored and memorialized to honor his dedication. His son, Joseph Denton, also served Pastor for 33 years, becoming one of 24 men who have guided the Church throughout history until today.

Clear Fork Baptist Church has survived an astounding history. The original building was destroyed by fire during the Civil War. Three other structures have been erected through the years, including today's church building, which was built in 1995.

Several church members throughout history have also served the great State of Kentucky. Preston H. Leslie, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from 1871–1875, was a member of the Church. In addition, Major William Wood, a state legislator for 23 years, was one of the charter members. During his term in the Legislature, a bill for the Benefit of Religious Society in the Commonwealth was passed. This bill provided official recognition of trustees appointed by the church to act as legal representatives of their congregations.

Known as "The Lighthouse in the Wilderness" after a history book written about the Church, Clear Fork Baptist is the oldest in Clinton County and was the fountainhead for many churches in Kentucky and Tennessee. The first secular school was also established by and named after the Church.

Few churches in our region of the country have a longer or more colorful history than Clear Fork Baptist. Two hundred years after its birth, the Church continues to stand with a determination to fulfill her mission to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SALUTE TO ODESSA, TEXAS ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a town in West Texas for which I am proud to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On April 18, 2002, Odessa, Texas will mark the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. This

will be a day to reflect upon the rich history and heritage of Odessa, and to look forward to at least 75 more years of prosperity.

While the origin of the name is not certain, one story is that the city was given its name by railroad workers. The terrain reminded them of the wide, flat prairies around Russia's city, Odessa, which was the wheat distribution center of the world at the time. but if that does not suit you, another story is that it was named of a beautiful Indian maiden who died in the area.

Cattle ranches were established in the area in the late 1800's, but the railroad really marked the founding of Odessa. A railroad construction campsite of the Texas and Pacific Railroad was organized in 1881. Odessa quickly became a major cattle shipping hub for the ranches in the area.

Situated in an area that was an ancient sea, Odessa has rich reserves of oil and natural gas. The town would become ever-tied to oil and gas production after the 1927 discovery of oil. Today, the Permian Basin is known throughout the world as one of the major oil field technology centers, and Odessa remains a vital segment to the Basin. Every even-numbered year, the City hosts the Permian Basin International Oil Show, celebrating its links to the industry with the world's largest inland exhibit of oilfield products and services.

Odessa is home to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, a branch of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, and Odessa College. It also has an excellent coliseum exhibit complex, a combined performing symphony with neighbor city Midland, the Ellen Noel Art Museum, a Presidential Museum, and two working playhouses. Some of you may know the group of volunteers known as the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang, which has been in existence over 60 years and has fed barbeque to people all over the world, all the while promoting the City of Odessa. I am proud to be an honorary member of this terrific and hard-working group.

Known for football prowess, Odessa is home to the Permian High School Panthers and the Odessa High School Broncos, which each have captured numerous state titles. We also can claim to have the winners of minor league hockey's Governor's Cup, the Odessa Jackalopes.

Odessa is a thriving city, thanks to the petroleum business, and many other ranching, farming, industrial and enterprise developments. Today it is more than twenty times the size it was when oil was discovered, and she is Texas' 23rd largest city.

I am very proud to represent the citizens of Odessa here in the House of Representatives. I salute the City, her leaders, and her citizens on this very special occasion. I offer my sincere best wishes for at least another 75 years of prosperity and good fortune.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, President Bush has already spent America from surplus to deficit, and now he wants to do the same thing with the Superfund program. But instead